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REMARKS

A marked up version of the amended claims identifying the additions to the claims is attached.

The applicant respectfully traverses the Examiner's finding that claims 1, 2, 3, and 5 are anticipated by Monroe. In Monroe's system the cameras and other sensors are connected to a controller 85 and the controller 85, in turn, is wired to monitors and is used to process the data and direct the appropriate data signal to the appropriate monitor.

Munroe's is a complex system, primarily aimed at integrating many services, and thus he has a way of dealing with and communicating data acquired by different sensors. This is an expensive and cumbersome system which is geared from monitoring commercial vehicles and would not be suitable for normal surveillance applications, as it would be too expensive to implement and operate.

By contrast, in the present invention there is no need for a controller as the signals from both the wired and wireless video cameras are directly received by the monitor, through direct connections to the monitor. The present invention thus presents the advantage over Monroe that it is readily implemented, inexpensively, with a minimum of components. Claim 1 has been amended to further emphasize this advantage.

The applicant also notes that while the drawing of Figure 9 of Monroe includes parts numbered 29a and 29d, the description of this Figure in the disclosure makes no reference to a 29a or 29d and the examiner has characterized these components by inference.

The Examiner has also applied VanZealand to Munroe to hold claim 4 obvious. The applicant submits that this combination does not teach or suggest the invention as defined in claim 4. According to claim 4, the wireless receiver can be switched to sequentially display video images from different camera, while *at the same time* the quad splitter is displaying images from three other cameras. There would be no motivation to combine VanZealand's switch into Munroe's system, because Munroe already displays all the video signals and expressly teaches that they are simultaneously monitored (col. 19, lines 55 to 57). Having thus separate displays for each camera, there would be no need for VanZealand's switch in a system such as Munroe's.

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The applicant also submits that the combination of wired ground-based cameras with wireless onboard cameras in a traffic management system does not suggest the use of wireless cameras along with hard-wired cameras in an entirely ground-based system. Munroe's motivation to use wireless camera's is solely due to the environment of his system (moving vehicles). The only way to transmit a video signal from a commercial aircraft is by wireless camera, and much resolution in the video image is sacrificed in doing so. This is a necessary limitation of that environment. It does not suggest the use of a wireless camera in an entirely ground-based surveillance system, where resolution is important, because the loss of resolution would preclude any motivation to use wireless cameras. The applicant has solved this problem by restricting the wireless component of a four-camera split screen system to a single receiver, and switching between wireless cameras in the one portion of the split-screen that displays the wireless image. This preserves the resolution of the image as much as possible, while allowing the versatility of placement of a plurality of wireless cameras in addition to the hard-wired cameras.

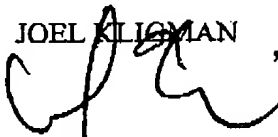
The applicant thus submits that the invention as recited in claim 4 is also novel.

Favourable reconsideration and allowance of this application are respectfully requested.

A Petition for an Extension of Time requesting an extension of one month for filing the subject response is enclosed. The Commissioner is authorized to charge the fees for same to our Deposit Account No. 500663. A signed copy of this page is enclosed if required for this purpose.

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